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H. R. 6295

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2018

Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. YOUNG of Iowa) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cut the Perks Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF FED-**
6 **ERAL FUNDS BY POLITICAL APPOINTEES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date that an Inspector General or the Government Ac-
9 countability Office make a joint determination that a polit-

1 ical appointee made a personal request for the obligation
2 or expenditure of Federal funds in willful violation of Fed-
3 eral law, rule, or regulation, the political appointee shall
4 reimburse the Government for the amount of the obliga-
5 tion or expenditure. For purposes of this subsection, a
6 joint determination is deemed to have occurred if—

7 (1) the Government Accountability Office issues
8 a decision or opinion that an obligation or expendi-
9 ture of Federal funds is in violation of Federal law,
10 rule, or regulation; and

11 (2) an Inspector General finds that a political
12 appointee made a personal request for the obligation
13 or expenditure of Federal funds in willful violation
14 of Federal law, rule, or regulation.

15 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICAL APPOINTEE.—In this
16 section, the term “political appointee” means any officer
17 or employee of the Government—

18 (1) appointed by the President, by and with the
19 advice and consent of the Senate; and

20 (2) in a position of a confidential or policy-de-
21 termining character under schedule C of subpart C
22 of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal Regula-
23 tions.

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